

I have been a amateur radio operator for more than 25 years. Before that time, I was always in awe at those near to me who could talk to people around the world. Yes, in the "old" days there was lots of static and lots of interference, but communication was the key, and communicate they did.

The bands were made a lot clearer by those who used them in amateur radio. Yet, even after I became a licensed amateur, we had to fight off the "over the horizon" radar that the Russians had developed -- and wanted to interrupt communications between the peoples of the free world.

Amateur radio continues to make the airwaves clearer and available for general communication between interested parties. This is in spite of the constant fear that the FCC, and others, have invoked by giving in to corporate demands. If it's not frequencies that we must fight for, then it's something else.

Now, the FCC is allowing the corporate world to infringe on our hobby bands by allowing the use of transmissions on the power lines of this great country. It's been proven, time and time again, in other countries, that such use of the power lines will greatly interfere with the hobbyists of the world who have chosen ham radio as a means of enjoyment. God forbid, we should enjoy something without problems created by your (FCC) indulgences with the corporate dollars and lobby.

If you are not a hobbyist in the world of amateur radio, you might excuse yourself from being a part of making such decisions -- as you do not have the knowledge or the feelings necessary to do justice.

Or, if you feel emboldened by the fact that you are a governmental employee -- by hook or crook -- and therefore exempt from doing what's right for the citizens of this country who want to enjoy the last vestiges of their chosen hobby, let us know who you are so we can do something about your future enjoyment as well. Unemployment would be a good start.